

**CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
March 192009**

PRESENT: Joe Vitale, Sara Carpenter, Ed Cohen, Diane Ripple, Missy Kueht-Becker, Jim Pearson, Lisa McLean, Caitlen Daniels, Nichole Hunkins, Raquel Mehring, Don Harris, Ron Pupp, Brenda Rios, Faith Holley-Beal, Jim Pearson

STAFF PRESENT: Jesus Mireles, Peter Slesar

Jim Pearson called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Joe Vitale made a motion, seconded by Don Harris to approve the minutes of February 19, 2009. The motion was voted on and carried.

BOARD LIAISON REPORT

Joe Vitale provided a summary of the Governor's budget and how it will affect Waukesha County Health and Human Services in the areas of child welfare, mental health, juvenile justice, and income maintenance. The \$2.1 million reduction gets shifted down to the counties and counties have caps. Waukesha County policy makers will have a very concerning budget and will be looking at reductions in the second part of 2009 but no news has been announced to date.

On April 2, the CAFSAC Needs List presentation will be made to the Health and Human Services Board.

ISSUE SEGMENT – CAFSAC NEEDS LIST – FINALIZE NEEDS LIST

James Pearson reported the Needs List Committee met, revised it again, making it more concise to reduce redundancy. One of the challenges in preparing the needs list was to highlight one of the program reductions and achievements, then do a comparison highlighting the impact and what intervention does. There are key components to help prevent those later deep end costs, while cost to continue is almost doubled. The mission of the CAFSAC committee is to offer suggestions as the policymakers make their decisions and to highlight some of these consequences regarding these reductions.

Additions and changes to the slide material were discussed. The deadline for submitting information to Jim Pearson will be Thursday, March 26, 2009. The committee also discussed using the domino approach as a token to help the Health and Human Services Board members remember our identified needs. It's a lot about choices you make now for choices in the future. With that said, Joe Vitale made a motion, seconded by Don Harris to approve the 2010 needs list.

CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Jesus Mireles reported that the committee has not met since January 15, 2009. The committee is working on enhancing the Birth to Three services to include the community waiver, to build on our current practice and to bill T-19 for some of the services being provided. Jesus spoke about a one time stimulus funding source for projects that can be invested in and can be sustained for two years.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Health and Human Services Board Public Hearing is set for Thursday, April 23, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Waukesha County Expo Center Arena. This is an opportunity for all to share concerns, issues, and advocate for services to strengthen our solicitation of support.

Mark your calendars for the June 6th 9th Annual Bravado Challenge fundraiser which will benefit the LSS Birth to Three program. This event is a run, walk, bike, kayak and canoeing event that the parents have organized for the past eight years. Looking for volunteers and participants. For more information contact Tim Held the event organizer at 262-896-0733, or www.bravadochallenge.org

The next addiction series, Addiction: Why Can't They Just Stop? will begin on Tuesday, April 7, 2009, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Elmbrook Memorial Hospital.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on May 21, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. in the Board Room of the Human Services Center.

ADJOURNMENT

Ed Cohen made a motion, seconded by Don Harris to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Approved on _____
(Date)